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In re Application of: JACQUES BAUER et al Serial No.: 720,045

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Asst. Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

Please amend this application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel claims 1 to 3, 8 to 15 and add the following claims

A N-acyl-dipeptide of the formula

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X-A-(CH₂)_m-CH-(CH₂)_n-CO-NH-(CH₂)_p-CH-(CH₂)_q-B-Y

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wherein R_1 and R_2 are each an acyl moiety of a saturated or unsaturated carboxylic acid of 2 to 24 carbon atoms unsubstituted or substituted with at least one member of the group consisting of -OH, akyl and alkoxy of 1 to 24 carbon atoms, -NH₂, acyloxy of an organic carboxylic acid of 1 to 24 carbon atoms and acylamino and acylthio of a carboxylic acid of 1 to 24 carbon atoms and alkylthio of 1 to 24 carbon atoms, m, p and q are independently integers from

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